

Harry Rose - *note*

She got to know him in 1929 in Japan or it might have been Korea. This is part of her past but she didn't bite her nails waiting for the mail to arrive. She admired Suzuki much and spoke kindly of him and learned quite a bit about the Buddhist tradition in the years gone by but she wasn't really a student of Buddhism. She was knowledgeable about it up to a point but not really a student of it.

She was a Quaker by background, but I don't think she was a practicing Quaker. I don't think she had any direct access or work with the Quakers until later on when she lived near a meeting house in Cirencester in her last few years. There weren't any Quakers that I can remember in Tientsin. There was no meeting house in China that I know of.

I was born in 1924 and I left in 1939.

She left about 1939 [29?] but she went back till the Japanese problem and then she came back to England just about the time of Pearl Harbor I suspect.

After the war was over she went back to China again under the aegis of the British Council so she would have taught at the Chinese school in Chungking and places like that and then she went back to Tientsin again for a while but then - there was a period of about five years till the communists arrived when she did some work back at the school in Tienstin and then went back to Chungking later on. So she did a couple of trips after the war lasting a couple of years both North and South.

I went back to China to see where I'd spent my misspent youth. I think that once you've done that sort of thing you don't want to repeat it.